UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Head Clerks in the Registration Department.

8. ✻ MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of head clerks in the Registration Department who have been reverted in the year 1120;

(*b*) the years of service put in that department by these clerks on an average; and

(*c*) the years of service put in by these as head clerks?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 37.

(*b*) 25 years.

(*c*) 2 to 3 years on an average.

Village Project Scheme.

9. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state: Whether any other village project scheme than at Thazhakudi, Thovala taluk, has been started by the Agricultural Department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No.

Denominational primary schools.

10. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any recognised or unrecognised denominational primary schools working in the areas chosen for compulsory education;

(*b*) if there are, whether any measure is taken to penalise the unrecognised schools; and

(*c*) the conditions laid down for the running of the recognised primary schools?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Their recognition has been withdrawn. Steps will also be taken when necessary to withdraw permission to open the school.

(*c*) Vide Section 18 of the rules under the Primary Education Act published in the Government Gazette dated 2-4-1946.

Growing of vegetables.

11. MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what they have done to encourage the growing of vegetables; and

(*b*) what role has the Agricultural Department played in that?

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MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Government have sanctioned the distribution of vegetable seeds at nominal prices, offered bonuses at the rate of Rs. 20 for every acre of land on which vegetables are successfully cultivated and grant of leases of suitable waste lands and water free areas of tank beds for the cultivatiou of vegetables. They have also sanctioned the sale of manures for vegetables at 2/3 cost price and the giving of free advice and guidance to cultivators by the field officers of the Agricultural Department.

(*b*) The Agricultural Department has distributed as widely as possible vegetable seeds at nominal prices and sold manures to vegetable cultivators at concessional rates. 7616 packets of vegetable seeds have been distributed during the last two months. The Officers of the Department have given advice and guidance to ryots for the successful cultivation of vegetables.

Vidwans and Mahopadhyayas.

12. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the subsequent revision of scales to that of 1-6-1119 has created a wide gulf of difference between the Vidwans and Mahopadhyayas in their salaries; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the low paid Vidwans have to work in the high school classes while the high paid Mahopadhyayas need work only in the middle school classes?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) There is difference in scales of pay of Vidwans and Mahopadhyayas (Pandits) consequent on the supplementary revision of July 1945.

(*b*) No. There is no distinction between the work allotted to Vidwans and Mahopadhyayas (Pandits.)

Compulsory Primary Education.

13. MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of new primary schools built in the localities chosen for compulsory primary education;

(*b*) the approximate average cost of constructing such a school;

(*c*) whether any arrangements are made among the poor wage-earners for the care of their infants while the children above 5 years go to school and the parents go to the fields and factories; and

(*d*) whether there are instances of violation anywhere in the compulsory scheme areas either by parents or children?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 12 new primary school buildings have been constructed and 33 are in different stages of construction.

(*b*) Rs. 7,500 for a school building of 120' × 18" proportionate reduction being made for buildings of smaller type.

(*c*) Yes; to some extent due to the introduction of the shift system.

(*d*) The question is vague.

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